

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, the Examiner noted that claims 1-7 were pending, objected to claim 7 and rejected claims 1-6. Claims 1-5 and 7 have been amended, claim 6 has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-5 and 7 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 2, 3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to claim 7 and indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This claim has been so rewritten and it is submitted that this claim has not been narrowed and has the same scope as prior to being made independent and are now allowable. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected over the prior art. As noted above, the Examiner indicated that the feature of claim 7 was allowable. This feature has been added to claims 1-5. It is submitted that these claims are now allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C.112. It is also submitted that claim 7 continues to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.	826.1549C
		Application Number	10/602,642
		Filing Date	June 25, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Masayoshi SHIMIZU, et al.
		Group Pat Unit	2626
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name	Madeleine Anh Vinh Nguyen

<b>FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)</b>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	6	- 20 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	- 7 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>July 6, 2006</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160)):					
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

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 (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".  
 (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".  
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	Deposit Account Name <b>STAAS &amp; HALSEY LLP</b>
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